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The Law of Conscience

Genesis 4:26 says “then began man to call upon the name of the Lord.” What about before then? Why didn’t they call on the name of the Lord before then? Did they not know that He exists? Could they not know that He exists? Did they not know how to call upon the Lord? How does God judge those people as far as heaven or hell?

Romans 1:18-20 answers those question quite well, it says “**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness because that which may be known of God is manifest in them for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made even His eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse!”**

When Pharaoh’s sorcerers and magicians, Jannes and Jambres, attempted to stand up against God’s command to Moses and Aaron in **Exodus 7:10-12**, they held the truth in unrighteousness because that which may be known of God (was) manifest in them for God hath shewed it unto them! But they did so anyway!

2 Timothy 3:8 says, “Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth (that they know): men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.” In other words Jannes and Jambres knew better, they knew that Moses and Aaron were representatives of the only true God but they did not acknowledge that truth! They did not react in shock after Aaron’s rod ate theirs for lunch because they already knew that Aaron’s God was the true God! **John 16:8** says that when the Comforter comes, “**He will reprove the world (not believers) of sin...**” because all Men know what sin is, even those who are not born again...that is how you know that you should get born-again!

What about people who never heard “the gospel?” From Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham to Moses to Jesus? **What if there is a primitive tribe somewhere on the planet today that have never heard the gospel**, in fact, don’t even know that other humans besides themselves exist? Before Columbus sailed west towards India, much of the world did not know that North and South America existed! Neither did

the people on those continents know that humans existed elsewhere!

God’s estimation of our **WORTH** is such that He engineered a **God-sized space** in our spirits for Himself, where He left some of Himself in us...like a rancher might brand his cattle! **Mark 5:1-15** tells of the Gadarene demoniac. As far gone as he was, almost completely taken over by demons, he had enough light left in him to reach out for the Light, Jesus!

There is, in Scripture, what I call the **Law of Conscience** which handles the fate of those who have never heard the gospel. **Romans 2:11-16** talks about it. “**For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law (Mosaic or New Covenant Law of John 13:34) shall also perish without law (Mosaic or New Covenant Law of John 13:34)...**How is it possible to sin without the Mosaic or New Covenant law of **John 13:34**? Because there is the law of Conscience!”



Romans 2:12...and as many as have sinned in the law (with knowledge of any law) shall be judged by the (that) law; (For not the hearers of the (any) law are just before God, but the doers of

the (such) law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law (Mosaic or New Covenant Law of John 13:34), do by nature the things contained in the law (Mosaic or New Covenant Law of John 13:34),... How is it possible to do what is in the Mosaic or New Covenant law of **John 13:34** when you have never heard of them? **Because there is the law of Conscience!**

Romans 2:14...these, having not the law (Mosaic or New Covenant Law of John 13:34), are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law (of Conscience) written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing

one another; In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

The Holy Spirit again talks about **the law of Conscience** in verses 26 and 27: “Therefore if the uncircumcision keep **the righteousness of the law**, (this is possible because of **the law of Conscience**) **shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision, which is by nature, if it fulfil the law** (again, this is possible because of **the law of Conscience**), **judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?** So, Gentiles, or the uncircumcised, who have not the law **can do by nature** the things contained in the law with their Conscience as a guide!

There are political laws enunciated by various constitutions, state and local government ordinances etc. But before there were any of these laws, there was **the law of Conscience!** The Apostle Paul refers to our conscience in a number of places, for example, he speaks of a **Weak Conscience** in 1 **Corinthians 8:7**, a **Seared Conscience** in 1 **Timothy 4:2**, and a **Defiled Conscience** in **Titus 1:15**.

Conscience is the **“You know better!”** law! It is in-built into the nature of Man, although it can become weak, be seared or defiled **if/when it is repeatedly ignored**. Even primitives showed Paul and his company great kindness in **Acts 28:2**, when they were shipwrecked. **Acts of generosity, consideration, empathy etc by the unsaved are acts of good motivated by Conscience when it is heeded**. **James 1:17** says **“every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning.”** On the other hand, wicked acts of evil such as heinous crimes and terrorist attacks etc happen because the unsaved ignore their Conscience or act out of a seared or defiled Conscience.

Conscience is the voice of all **created** spirits including human spirits. Reason is the voice of the human mind. Feeling is the voice of the human body.

Ultimately, Lucifer’s sin (**Is 14:12-16**) was the first violation of **the law of Conscience**, that is what made his pride, selfishness and rebellion etc. sins! We have no record that there was another specific law against those things. Before the devil showed up in the garden, **if Adam had physically abused Eve, it would have been against the law of Conscience**, well before the Mosaic law, the New **Testament law of love or any national, state and local laws against domestic abuse!** Could Adam have? Yes! Adam was created innocent, not perfect, hence he eventually sinned!

When Cain killed his brother Abel it was against the law of Conscience! God called it sin because it was a violation of **the law of Conscience** since we have no record that before then there was a law against murder. Noah’s generation was justly judged by the **The law of Conscience** as also by what Noah

preached. (**2 Peter 2:5**). When Abraham denied that Sarah was his wife in **Genesis 20**, both God and the King knew it was sin. It was a lie by **the law of Conscience!**

The law of Conscience! kicks in as soon as a Man reaches the age of accountability! Every Man is then judged by that law before they become aware of the law of Moses and the New Covenant law of Love. **People who have never heard the gospel will be judged by the law of Conscience!** Again, **Romans 1:18-19** says **God is manifest in them...so that they are without excuse.**

If so, why preach the gospel? If everyone who does not hear the gospel will be judged by the law of conscience why bother to preach the gospel then? **That's like saying since everyone has feet to walk to their destination why invent airplanes?**

We preached the gospel in order to replace the glimmer of light which is Conscience with the LIGHT Himself! **The Conscience is a candle in the dark; being born again is having the Sun for light!** We preach the gospel in order to help Man receive **“life more abundant”** this side of Heaven. **John 10:10**. We preach the gospel in order to point out the most effective way to connect with God. **John 14:6**.

You may say, **“This is a great Bible doctrine but so what? How does it apply to me in my daily life today?”** I'm glad you asked. Here's how it does: **You should not worry about what you don't know!** Not that you should not want to know, or should not be trying to know or understand what you do not know. Only that you should not be anxious and stressed out about what you do not know. **You should concentrate on being and saying and doing what you do know** to be, do and say, and keep doing, being and saying what you do know! **God has the rest covered and victory is guaranteed!**

In due course **the Lord will see to it that you get the knowledge you have to have** to go to the next level, if you are doing, being and saying all you know to do, be and say at the present level! Ask Cornelius. **Acts 10:1-6**.

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